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Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/206,040; Filed: December 4, 1998
For: **Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules
Associated with Plants**
Inventors: Joseph R. Byrum *et al.*
Our Ref: 04983.0151.US01/38-21(15446)B

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) are the following documents:

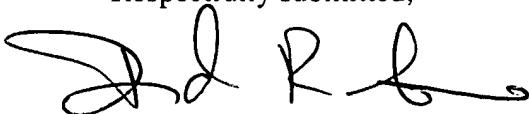
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3. PTO Form 1449 (10 pages) with 29 references;
4. Howrey & Simon check no. 202041 in the amount of \$240.00; and
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It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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